

MINUTES
Cambria County Planning Commission

March 15, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Cambria County Planning Commission was held on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at 12 noon, at Kosta's Restaurant, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Mr. Rovansek.

PRESENT

Ronald M. Rovansek
David L. Belz
Toni Renee Anderson
Russell Kiel
Eric Wolf
Lonnie Batdorf
Diane Waksmunski

ABSENT

James White
Rev. Sylvia King

STAFF

Ethan C. Imhoff
Christopher D. Allison
Shanna Sosko
Katie Kinka
Colleen A. Bukowski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Wolf, seconded by Mr. Belz, the minutes of the January 18, 2018 CCPC meeting were approved. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The March Financial Statement was read by Mr. Imhoff and reviewed by those present. There being no questions on the report, Ms. Waksmunski made a motion that the March Treasurer's Report, including expenses listed for payment, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Batdorf and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Imhoff apprised those present that the PA Training Hub for Municipal Learning (PATH) has scheduled several refresher courses on the PA Municipal Planning Code. He stated that the registration fee for the three-hour course will be covered by the Commission should any members wish to attend.

STATUS REPORTS

Noting that January-February staff reports were mailed to members prior to this meeting, Mr. Imhoff entertained questions on the reports. There being no questions or comments on the reports, Mr. Imhoff stated that the meeting would continue with a a power-point presentation on various ongoing projects. Through this presentation, the members were updated on the

Route 56/Washington Street Rockslide Remediation project. Mr. Imhoff stated that this project has developed into a cooperative venture among PennDOT, the City of Johnstown, and a local trail group. Mr. Imhoff explained that due to a rockslide in that vicinity, PennDOT is proposing safety improvements, i.e., barriers to protect pedestrian and vehicular traffic from any future hazardous situations. Noting that the hillside is owned by the City of Johnstown, Mr. Imhoff stated that the City and PennDOT have been cooperating with a local trail group focusing on providing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure in this area. He explained that trail development/sidewalk construction is being proposed in an effort to connect existing trails (i.e. James Wolfe Sculpture Trail) in the vicinity of the Johnstown Inclined Plane as well as to facilitate a bicycle/pedestrian connection with downtown Johnstown. Proposed safety improvements, sidewalk locations, and existing and proposed trails were detailed on the power point.

Ms. Kinka facilitated a power point presentation on the Alleghenies Ahead Comprehensive Plan, particularly priorities and action items specific to Cambria County. She noted that two critical issues common to all counties participating in the development of the six-county regional comprehensive plan are (1) Broadband and Cellular Service, and (2) Collaboration and Coordination. The power-point presentation focused on Cambria County's recreational assets and action items such as promotion, targeted expansion areas, and a possible "adventure sport" certification program. Business and Workforce Development priorities and the following action items were also highlighted and discussed: coordinated branding and marketing, streamlining of regulatory processes, and identification of workforce development priorities.

Mr. Allison discussed a power-point presentation outlining the 2018-2020 Unified Planning Work Program. The presentation provided an overview of the two-year planning process, major work tasks, and funding breakdowns (federal, state, and local). Noting that the work program and budget had been approved by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on February 6, 2018, Mr. Allison entertained questions regarding the work program and specific transportation initiatives to be undertaken during the 2018-2019 fiscal year. On a motion by Mr. Belz, seconded by Ms. Waksmunski, the 2018-2020 Unified Planning Work Program was approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sosko stated that, in an effort to provide more interesting and pertinent training programs and to increase attendance at the classes, the CCPC will manage the 2018 LTAP program independently from the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission. She explained that Planning Commission staff will choose and schedule the training classes and market the courses to local officials/interested individuals in the six counties comprising the Southern Alleghenies region.

Noting that the amendments to the CCPC By-Laws were approved at the January 18, 2018 Commission meeting, Mr. Imhoff requested the appropriate officers (Chair and Secretary) to sign the document.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Wolf. The motion was seconded by Ms. Waksmunski and passed unanimously.